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SUBJECT: FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASPECTS OF MORO'S GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

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1. PREMIER MORO'S PARLIAMENTARY ADDRESS (REFTEL) ON HIS GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM CONTAINED NOTHING NEW IN REGARD TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IF ONE LOOKS HARD FOR NUANCES, PERHAPS HIS ENDORSEMENT OF THE ATLANTIC TIE WAS SOMEWHAT MORE MUTED THAN IN PREVIOUS POLICY STATEMENTS. MAJOR THEMES WERE:

2. NO CHANGE OF COURSE. CONTINUED FIDELITY TO THE UN, "AN ESSENTIAL INSTRUMENT, IMPERFECT AS IT MAY BE". ITALY'S COMMITMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE IS PERMANENT, NOT TRANSIENT. FOLLOWING DIRECT AND UNIVERSAL ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, ITALY LOOKS FORWARD TO THE BEGINNING OF A FEDERAL RELATIONSHIP IN EUROPE. CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IN FIRENDSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER MEMBER STATES. ONLY THROUGH THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY (PROVIDED BY NATO) WAS HELSINKI FINAL ACT MADE POSSIBLE AND IS CONTINUED PURSUIT OF DETENTE FEASIBLE.

3. OTHER POINTS: LEBANON: GRAVE AND COMPLEX PROBLEMS STILL EXIST. MIDDLE EAST: ITALY CONTINUES TO SUPPORT A GLOBAL SOLUTION UNDER RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338. DISARMAMENT: ITALY IS FOR IT. NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE: ITALY WILL BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT. OTHER CONTINENTS: FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA ARE GROWING AND ITALY INTENDS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMIC AND CIVIL PROGRESS OF AFRICA, HELPING TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION AND TO OVERCOME RACISM. FOR THAT REASON, ITALY HAS RECOGNIZED THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. VOLPE

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